

the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601;

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Edward Hanlon, Jr., 0000.
NAVY

The following named officer for appointment as Chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery and Surgeon General and for appointment to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 601 and 5137:

To be vice admiral

Rear Adm. Michael L. Cowan, 0000.

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be Vice Admiral

Vice Adm. Patricia A. Tracey, 0000.

AIR FORCE

PN536 Air Force nominations (59) beginning STEVEN L. ADAMS, and ending JANNETTE YOUNG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 18, 2001

ARMY

PN29 Army nominations (108) beginning KEITH S. * ALBERTSON, and ending ROBERT K. ZUEHLKE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 3, 2001

PN434 Army nominations (169) beginning ERIC D. * ADAMS, and ending DAVID S. ZUMBRO, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 21, 2001

PN435 Army nominations (8) beginning GREGGORY R. CLUFF, and ending STEVEN W. VINSON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 21, 2001

PN485 Army nominations (16) beginning GILL P. BECK, and ending MARGO D. SHERIDAN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 5, 2001

PN486 Army nominations (179) beginning CYNTHIA J. ABBADINI, and ending THOMAS R. * YARBER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 5, 2001

PN517 Army nominations (3) beginning JAMES E. GELETA, and ending GARY S. OWENS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 12, 2001

PN518 Army nominations (6) beginning FLOYD E. BELL, JR., and ending STEVEN N. WICKSTROM, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 12, 2001

PN537 Army nominations (11) beginning ROBERT E. ELLIOTT, and ending PETER G. SMITH, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 18, 2001

PN538 Army nominations (9) beginning BRUCE M. BENNETT, and ending GRANT E. ZACHARY, JR., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 18, 2001

MARINE CORPS

PN519 Marine Corps nomination of Donald E. Gray, Jr., which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 12, 2001

PN520 Marine Corps nominations (1291) beginning JESSICA L. ACOSTA, and ending JOSEPH J. ZWILLER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 1, 2001

NAVY

PN438 Navy nomination of Charlie C. Biles, which was received by the Senate and ap-

peared in the Congressional Record of May 21, 2001

PN439 Navy nominations (235) beginning JAMES W. ADKISSON, III and ending MIKE ZIMMERMAN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 21, 2001

PN487 Navy nomination of William J. Diehl, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 5, 2001

PN521 Navy nomination of Christopher M. Rodrigues, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 12, 2001

PN522 Navy nominations (19) beginning ROGER T. BANKS, and ending CARL ZEIGLER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 12, 2001

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will return to legislative session.

ORGANIZATION OF THE SENATE

Mr. DASCHLE. Madam President, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to S. Res. 120, the organizing resolution submitted earlier today by myself and Senator LOTT.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 120) relative to the organization of the Senate during the remainder of the 107th Congress.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. DASCHLE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that three letters with reference to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the letters were ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

U.S. SENATE,
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY,
Washington, DC, June 29, 2001.

DEAR COLLEAGUE: We write as Chairman and Ranking Republican Member of the Judiciary Committee to inform you of a change in Committee practice with respect to nominations. The "blue slips" that the Committee has traditionally sent to home State Senators to ask their views on nominees to be U.S. Attorneys, U.S. Marshals and federal judges, will be treated as public information.

We both believe that such openness in the confirmation process will benefit the Judiciary Committee and the Senate as a whole. Further, it is our intention that this policy of openness with regard to "blue slips" and the blue slip process continue in the future, regardless of who is Chairman or which party is in the majority in the Senate.

Therefore, we write to inform you that the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, with the full support of the former Chairman and Ranking Republican Member, is exercising his authority to declare that the blue slip process shall no longer be designated or treated as Committee confidential.

Sincerely,

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
Chairman.
ORRIN G. HATCH,
Ranking Republican
Member.

U.S. SENATE,
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY,
Washington, DC, June 29, 2001.

DEAR COLLEAGUE: We are cognizant of the important constitutional role of the Senate in connection with Supreme Court nominations. We write as Chairman and Ranking Republican Member on the Judiciary Committee to inform you that we are prepared to examine carefully and assess such presidential nominations.

The Judiciary Committee's traditional practice has been to report Supreme Court nominees to the Senate once the Committee has completed its considerations. This has been true even in cases where Supreme Court nominees were opposed by a majority of the Judiciary Committee.

We both recognize and have every intention of following the practices and precedents of the Committee and the Senate when considering Supreme Court nominees.

Sincerely,

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
Chairman.
ORRIN G. HATCH,
Ranking Republican
Member.

U.S. SENATE, COMMITTEE ON RULES
AND ADMINISTRATION,

Washington, DC, June 29, 2001.

DEAR COLLEAGUE: On June 29, 2001, the Senate passed the organizing resolution which states, in part, that subject to the authority of the Standing Rules of the Senate, any agreements entered into regarding committee funding and space prior to June 5, 2001, between the chairman and ranking member of each committee shall remain in effect, unless modified by subsequent agreement between the chairman and ranking member.

In the assignment of office space to Senate committees, pursuant to Rule XXV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, it is the practice of the Committee on Rules and Administration to assign all such space to the chairman of each committee. Further, the Rules Committee does not traditionally intervene in the internal space allocation decisions of the committees and therefore is not a party to any agreements between the chairman and ranking member regarding space allocations. It is the intent of the Committee on Rules and Administration to continue such practice.

Sincerely,

CHRISTOPHER J. DODD,
Chairman.
MITCH MCCONNELL,
Ranking Member.

Mr. DASCHLE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. 120) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 120

Resolved, That the Majority Party of the Senate for the 107th Congress shall have a one seat majority on every committee of the Senate, except that the Select Committee on Ethics shall continue to be composed equally of members from both parties. No Senator shall lose his or her current committee assignments by virtue of this resolution.

SEC. 2 Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXV the Majority and Minority Leaders of the Senate are hereby authorized to appoint their members of the committees consistent with this resolution.

SEC. 3 Subject to the authority of the Standing Rules of the Senate, any agreements entered into regarding committee